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For:

AN EXTERNAL STORAGE DEVICE USING NON-

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SUBMISSION OF DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(d)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

December 20, 2000

Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, which was originally filed on August 10, 2000 without a Declaration, and responsive to the Communication from the Patent Office dated October 23, 2000, please find attached hereto a Declaration for submission under 37 CFR 1.53(d), executed by each of the inventors in the above-identified application.

A credit card payment form for the requisite \$130.00 fee is attached. Should any additional fees become due in connection with the filing of this Declaration, please charge Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case: 566.38877X00).

Respectfully submitted,

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